BOOKS AND ART IN PHILADELPHIA.

BOOK GOSSIP—"ART RECEPTIONS" OF UNION LEAGUE—ROTHERMEL'S GREAT PAINTING OF "THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG." PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—As the Holiday seaon is so near at hand, our publishers are hastening forward the remaining volumes of their Fall issues, and are delaying further "announcements" till after New-Year's Day. Of choicely illustrated new books for Christmas, there are very few; but fine editions of standard gift works are abundant. "Knickerbocker's New-York," to match the elegant style of the "Artists' Sketch-Book," will very soon appear from the press of J. B. Lippincott & Co. This house will also have "Light of the World," containing illustrated poems from The Sunday Magazine; new editions of the "Artists' Sketch-Book," and the "Court of Napoleon." For the juveniles, there are: "Elms Homestead," by Mrs. M. O. Johnson; "Clever Jack, or, The Adventures of a Donkey, Written by Himborn, The Adventur self;" "Cross-Purposes—a Christmas Experience in Seven Stages," by T. C. De Leon; "Ranald Bannerman's Boyhood," by George Macdonald, LL. D.; "Good Stories for Young People," selected from Good Words for the Young "The People time and Techanted," a series of

Young; "The Euchanting and Enchanted," a series of Fairy stories from the German, by Mrs. A. L. Wister. T. B. Peterson & Brothers will shortly have ready "Garstang Grange," a new book by T. Adolphus Trol-tope; "A Rent in a Cloud," by Charles Lever; "The olen Mask" and "The Dead Secret," by Wilkie Collins These are the forcrunners of uniform editions of the

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Art and artists may have shabby treatment in this city this Winter, as the Academy of Fine Arts, having sold its e "Ari Receptions," to be held in its spaciou Library. The first of these has been reserved for the and extends from this evening till Saturday About one hundred paintings-in oil, water-colors and erayon-are upon the walls, some of which are of more than average merit and some of less. D. R. Knight has an impressive picture of Othello reciting his achieve-Edward (who designs to settle in New-York City) has a tributes a View Up, and a View Down the Schuylkill, from Laurel Hill, in Autumn; Peter has a "Chase" of cirited dogs. P. F. Rothermel reserves his masterple Tale," A. G. Heaton sends the " Profile House, Mount "On the Coast;" James John, "The Crown," to form a upanion chromo-lithograph to his "Changed Cross;" W. H. Willeox, "On the Wissahlekon;" J. R. Lambdin and Fennimore, several landscapes; Ida Waugh, "Costite;" Miss Wyman, " Little Nell and her Grandfather."

BOTHERMEL'S GETTYSEURG.

I have been favored with an advance view of P. F. now receiving finishing touches, and which is to be un vailed at the Academy of Music on the 26th inst. A com-125,000; a year's examination and study of the ground, with the help of officers, privates, engineers, and farmers, before the first effective sketch was made; then a culminating in the present great picture-great even in its dimensions-32 feet in length by 16 feet in width, must serve as the outline of the history of four years' work of one of America's first historical painters, who has sacrificed to this labor of love engagements exceeding this commission in value. The almost a mile in depth. Behind an outcropping ledge of signite runs the stone-fence which formed the left center of Gen. Hancock's line; and here, in the foreground, is pictured the fierce charge of Pickett's division of Rebels, on the third day of July—the culminating point and the deadliest struggle of the whole battle. Hand to hand, and bayonet to bayonet, the fight proceeds with terrible carnage. In the center, Gen. Hancock is taken wounded his horse. The Rebel Gen. Armistead has just re ceived his death-wound; Gen. Garnett, who dared to lead his Virginians while mounted, is falling from his horse. Rebels have the right, the Union soldiers the left ing the brunt of the attack. To the extreme left are Gen. Meade, his son George, and Col. Hieskell, all on horse back. In these, and all other details, the artist has conscientiously adhered to facts. Some of the figures are portraits of soldiers who held similar positions. In its minor accessories this great painting has received most

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extent to which railway inflation, has recently been carried. In the afternoon the market was dull and but feebly sustained. Western Union sold down to 45), and th North-Western stocks were quite heavy. New-York Cen-tral was dull at 913. Investment shares were dull, and Express stocks neglected. The following table shows he highest and lowest prices for the stocks therein men-

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continued to-day, the quotations from Europe being only up to Sunday. The price has been steady, how-ever, with all the sales at 110 | 0110 |. The rates of in-terest paid for having gold balances carried were 4, 3, 2, and I per cent. The day's business at the Gold Exchange Bank was as follows: Gold cleared, \$59,845,000; gold balances, \$963,603; currency balances, \$1,161,586. The following were the quotations:

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Foreign exchange has been steady at about the rates of yesterday. The following are the quotations: 6.12; w6.133 5.07; 25.00; 4 41; 26; 41; 27; 27; 20; 41; 27; 41; 79; 27; 77; 72; 27; 77;

The money market is without essential feature, call ernment bond and stock collateral, the more general rate seing 6. There is but little currency being sentaway, the remittances to the pork sections being still held in check by the continued warmth of the weather, though some small amounts are being shipped to New-Orleans. There is nothing new to note in discounts, prime acceptances

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City bank shares sold as follows: American Exchange, 112; Continental, 97; Central National, 106; Fourth N tional, 109, and Pacific at 200. The following were the bids:

The following were the balances in the U.S. Treasury at the close of business to-day: Currency, \$28,800,000;

The Philadelphia Stock market was inactive to-day. Pennsylvania State 6s, 3d issue, sold at 10s; Philadelphia ania Railroad, 62; Gold, 110%. The National Shoe and Leather Bank has declared a lividend of 6 per cent, free of all taxes, payable on the

31st inst.

The January coupons on the First Mortgage bends of the Rondout and O-wego Railroad Company will be paid at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, on and after the 24 proximo. The earnings of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railway, for the first week in December, were \$3,252, and for the corresponding week of last year, \$13,430, showing an increase of \$1.813.

aggregate amount of exports (exclusive of specie) the port of New-York for the week ending Dec. 13, vas \$4,679.671.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL. SEVEN PER CENT GOLD LOAN

OF THE PORT ROYAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

Five-sixths of the road are already graded. Cross-ties for the same are all delivered upon the

Over half the Dock and Bridge work is completed. A THOUSAND MEN are vigorously pushing the work to completion, and the whole line will be fin-

shed and ready for business by May next. The Company, being determined to push the work as rapidly as possible, offer the remainder of the

LOAN at 85 and accrued interest in currency. We regard this enterprise as one of the very best in he South, and confidently recommend the bonds to our correspondents and customers.

A liberal commission allowed agents, and those who buy to sell again.

HENRY H. BOODY & Co., 12 Wall-st.

Alabama State Indorsed Bonds, Bearing Eight PER CENT GOLD INTEREST, ISSUED BY A TRUNK LINE-THE SELMA, MARION, AND MEMPHIS R. R., AND SELMA AND GULF R. R., AT 25 AND ACCRUED IN-TEREST IN CURRENCY.

TEREST IN CURRENCY.

This line of railway forms the shortest route from Memphis to the sea, and will command on completion the vast cotten traffic of Alabama and Mississippi, which States it traverses. In addition to this, a large part of the freight by way of the Mississippi River will seek at Memphis the more rapid transportation to the sea afforded by these lines.

One hundred miles of this route are completed and show large earnings from way traffic alone. The completion of the enterprise is already assured by the large sales of bonds and liberal subscriptions of town and county aid.

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Considered as a railway mortgage alone these bonds are equal to any now in the market. But in addition to the lien on the railway property, the bonds are secured by the obligation of the State of Alabama, indorsed upon them, which has been declared by the leading lawyers of New York to be as binding on the State as the currency bonds which now sell on the Stock Exchange above par.

For sale, at 35 and accrued interest, by For sale, at 35 and accrued interest, by HENRY CLEWS & Co.

Financial Agents of State of Alabama.

BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS, AND MINNESOTA FIRST-MORTGAGE SINKING-FUND CONVERTIBLE SEVEN PER CENT GOLD BONDS.—The small remaining balance of the Loan for sale at 90 and accrued interest. These bonds return about double the rate of in-

terest which United States Five-Twenties pay, while the security is as safe and fully equal to that of any railroad bend issued. HENRY CLEWS & Co., 32 Wall-st.

NOTICE.—The interest due Jan. 1, 1871, on the Bonds of the State of Georgia will be paid, on and after that date, upon surrender of the coupons, at the Fourth National Bank, New-York.

Bonds of the State of Georgia, as they mature, will be paid upon presentation at the Banking-House of Henry Clews & Co., 32 Wall-st., New-York.

Ruffs B. Bullock, Governor.

Executive Department, State of Georgia, Atlanta, Nov. 19, 1870.

Louisville and Nashville Rahlroad Seven Per Cent Consoladated Mortgage Bonds.—The small amount left of the last issue of these bonds will be sold at 90 and accrued interest. Parties desiring an entirely selfe investment are invited to call for information on either of the undersigned. J. B. Alexander & Co., 19 Nassau-st. John J. Cisco & Son, 59 Wall-st.

## THE MARKETS.

[Carefully Reported for The Turneys.]

ASHES—Pots are steady and moderately active at \$6 15 0 \$7 7 25.

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BULLION MATERIAL—Business has been only moderate, but prices are unchanged. We quote:

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22 Tr. to Cal.

METALS—lingot Copper is quiet. New Sheathing and Yellow Metal are indeptably active and steady. Scotch Fig. Iron is quiet; American continues usual and spices are nominal; Bar is very dull, but prices are unclanged. Fig. The continues very quiet; but prices are without change. Plates are dull and heavy. Other articles are without change, the Lunaness being ouls moistrate. We quote:

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